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Reply Under 37 CFR 1.116 - Expedited Procedure - Technology Center 1700 IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277

Hideki MORIGUCHI, et al. : Confirmation Number: 8002

Application No.: 10/587,178 : Group Art Unit: 1794

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For: SURFACE-COATED CUTTING TOOL WITH COATED FILM HAVING STRENGTH

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 20, 2010, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 20, 2010, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.